

Sangamon Valley LEPC

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AGENDA

March 15, 2018

8:30 AM

Office of the State Fire Marshal
1035 Stevenson Drive
Springfield, IL 62703

Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (01/18/2018)

Welcome to LEPC Members and Visitors

Sign-in Sheet Circulated

Self-introductions

New Business

Annual Review of Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Sangamon County

Review of EPCRA <https://www.epa.gov/epcra#content>

Old Business

2017 Tier 2 Reports

SFD Planning Update for Hazardous Materials

Hazardous Material Commodity Flow Study (CFS)

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant thru June 30, 2018

After June 30, 2018

Winnebago County LEPC Conference to be held on April 17 – 18, 2018

Other Business

Public Comment

Around the Room

Next Meeting: May 17, 2018, at Athens City Hall

Motion to Adjourn

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MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – March 15, 2018

Call to Order – The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am, at the State Fire Marshal's Office Auditorium, 1035 Aldai Stevenson Drive, Springfield IL 62703.

There was a quorum with 20 members present: Katie Bates, Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center; Jamie Beaver, American Red Cross; John Brennan, Village of Williamsville; Mike Burg, Menard County EMA; David Butt, Sangamon County OEM; Brian Churchill, St. John's Hospital (SJH); Joe Crowe, Athens Fire Department; Roger Cruse, Ameren; Ernie Goetsch, National Weather Service; Brian Hollencamp, Menard County GIS; Jim Johnson, Springfield Fire Department (SFD); George Krebs, Illinois EPA; Jim Leach, WMAY Radio; Jason LeMar, Menard County Assessor; Tamara Leone, Memorial Medical Center; Justin Olson, City Water, Light and Power (CWLP); Chris Richmond, SFD; Eric Staley, CWLP; Laura Valente, Illinois Air National Guard; Diana Wade, Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH); and Roger Whitaker, Sangamon Valley Radio Club.

Approval of the Minutes – Minutes from the LEPC meeting of January 18, 2018, were distributed via email prior to this meeting. A motion was made by John Brennan, seconded by Brian Churchill and approved unanimously to accept these minutes.

Welcome – A sign-in sheet was circulated. Self-introductions were made. Six visitors were present: Lori Canterbury, Bon Flemming, Jenifer Johnson, Jim Kolba, and Lance Wilson, Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA); and Greg Michaud, American Environmental Corporation (AEC). All were welcomed.

New Business

Annual Review of Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan for Sangamon County – The Chair distributed a draft of the revised plan via email prior to the meeting. Specifically discussed were changes to 16 of 24 pages and elimination of the 25th page. Help for this update was sought from Lori at IEMA, Brian at SJH, Diana at SCDPH, and Regional Office of Education 51. Lori provided a new Emergency Release Notification Fact Sheet. Brian asked for withdrawal of the SJH Haz Mat Procedures chart that is being reworked. Diana checked the status of our listed Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facilities. More depth was written into the plan regarding Natural Gas (not an Extremely Hazardous Substance) pipelines within Sangamon County for their being facilities that contribute additional risk as we do our planning for EHS. With this update of the plan, we removed Benedictine University and Cathedral Elementary School from our lists of facilities that are subject to additional risks. Both school locations are in the process of closing before summer. A motion was made by Chris Richmond and seconded by Katie Bates to accept the revised plan. This plan will be dated March 15, 2018, and distributed to all LEPC members, all fire departments serving the county, IEMA Region 6 and the SERC at IEMA.

Review of EPCRA – The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act calls for the establishment of LEPCs and guides us toward the selection of members. At today's meeting, we have representation by 10 of the 12 membership categories called for by EPCRA. We always need at least 7 to have quorum for our meetings. The Chair read from an overview of EPCRA obtained with the LEPC's first copy of Cameo® software to explain Sections 301-303, 304, 311-312, and 313 of EPCRA. Our website links to <https://www.epa.gov/epcra#content> for further information about EPCRA.

Old Business

2017 Tier 2 Reports – The Tier 2 filing deadline was March 1. Sangamon County has received 129 of 132 expected filings and we are missing copies from the same 3 sites that waited until April for last year's filing. Menard County has all 12 of its expected filings completed. Lori identified that our 98% success rate is identical to her statewide rate.

SFD Planning Update – Jim and Chris both spoke about time and staff issues affecting progress on new map layers over the past 2 months. They have had an important success at training the SFD battalion chiefs about this tool and increasing their familiarity. The Chair applauded this news. The purpose for our Marplot® mapping project is to assist with consequence analysis. Releases during transit affect a transportation corridor, what is below it, above it and all along it. Then this is multiplied by the number of major corridors that we have. The Chair told the committee that a new GIS employee is to be hired at Sangamon County 911 who may be allowed to use some of his time to contribute to this project in the future, if SFD's time and staff issues persist.

Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study (CFS) – Greg reported that AEC has completed the winter truck-counts. We are getting a great deal of information from our counting along Route 29 near Athens, providing value to both Menard and Sangamon Counties. With this information and rail carload counts that the chair has delivered, Greg will begin drafting our final report on the first half of our 3-year project cycle, pursuant to the HMEP grant. It is due at the end of May. The Chair spoke about inferences that we are able to make from this CFS about vulnerability to hazardous materials by rail. Having access to Christian County data adds to our understanding of risk potential for Sangamon County. Already, the Chair has spoken with all fire departments along the Union Pacific (UP) corridor in Sangamon County. There is good news about a low volume of hazardous materials due to freight congestion from intermodal traffic and route-sharing with Amtrak service. However, awareness in Sangamon County about a much greater volume of hazardous materials in Christian County, on a parallel UP route, is cause for wariness about any event that could shift hazardous materials carloads from their tracks to ours.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant – The Chair told the committee that we are stymied in our attempts to secure a Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate for this grant. It appears that we must file our expenses for the second year as we did for the first. On June 30, the Chair retires. A Request for Proposal has been drafted for review by our States Attorney's office to continue the CFS after June 30. We are on track for spending our full \$149K allocation. The HMEP grant administrator at IEMA held a conference call last week, suggesting we may be able to access more funds, if needed due to an expanded role for our contractor.

Winnebago County LEPC Conference – April 17-18, 2018, is set for this 12-hour training conference in Rockford that includes a TTX. The Chair circulated the brochure asking for any member's interest about participating. A response by March 26, allows enough time for seeking necessary approvals-to-travel toward grant reimbursement. This offer is extended to all LEPC members,

Other Business

Public Comment and Around the Room – No public comment was given. The Chair thanked the large contingent from IEMA for joining us today. Jim Boone of the State Fire Marshal's Office was identified for his agreeability to always provide this auditorium for our meetings. In the next fiscal year, we already have it reserved for September, November, January and March.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, May 17, 2018, at the Athens Village Hall. Members Mayor Bob Dowling and Fire Chief Joe Crowe are our hosts. There being no further business, a motion was made by Chris Richmond, seconded by Roger Whitaker and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 am.